



EGYPT

Egyptian-U.S. cooperation in the field of education dates back to the late 1940s of the last century. It started when the Egyptian government funded scholarships for hundreds of students to join graduate programs in the United States in various disciplines. However, by the mid-1970s, a new era of cooperation between Egypt and the United States was underway in a wide array of fields, among which education was included. To date, there have been several forms of educational programs symbolizing the relationship between Egypt and the United States. The following represent some of these programs:

1. Egyptian Government Missions Program – This program dates back to the late 1940s when Egypt embarked on a long-term plan to send Egyptian Ph.D. students to U.S. universities. Currently, there are 500 Ph.D. students registered in U.S. universities under this program in various disciplines, which are approved by the Egyptian government.
2. Joint Supervision and Data Collection Programs – In this program, graduate students registered in an Egyptian university (mainly doctoral students) participate in one of the research channels with a U.S. university. Once the research student is enrolled in this channel, the U.S. institution/university appoints a research advisor for the student. The advisor, along with the Egyptian advisor(s), jointly guides the student throughout his research. The student spends a period of up to two years in the host U.S. university. An invitation is extended to the U.S. advisor to visit Egypt for a period of two weeks, either prior to the student's departure for the United States, or at the final examination to attend the defense of the dissertation. An invitation is also extended to the Egyptian advisor to visit the United States for a period of two to four weeks during the program of the research student. The Egyptian advisor will meet with his U.S. counterpart to discuss progress of the research student's work.
3. Post-Doctoral Scholars – Candidates in this program should have a degree from an Egyptian university. The maximum allowable time for this program is six months.
4. Mubarak-Gore Initiative – The objective of this program (created during the Clinton Administration) is to create cooperation between businessmen and technical school students in privately owned factories. The program acts as potential employment for students. The U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) contributes to support educational programs in Egypt. One of such programs is girls' education whereby small schools are established to provide the opportunity to girls who have been deprived of basic education in some rural areas. Other areas of cooperation in the field of education with USAID include teacher training.
5. Teacher Training Program in the United States – Teachers are admitted to St. John's University in New York or the University of Maryland at Baltimore for a period of three months. There are about 100 teachers in each university. The fields of training are mainly Modern Education, Mathematics, Physics, and English Language.

6. Student Exchange Program – This program is designed mainly for high school students in Egypt and the United States whereby students from both countries exchange visits for one academic year to acquire high school diplomas.
7. Joint Research Projects – Universities and research centers in Egypt allocate partner institutions and conduct joint research in various fields. This is mainly carried out within the Egyptian-U.S. Science and Technology Program.
8. Visiting Scholar Program – In this program, Egyptian scholars in various fields spend a period of up to one academic year in a host U.S. university.

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